

dear son, whose fortune would be great.

'Squire Simpson, who was a very sensible man, endeavoured to pacify his lady by telling her, that there was no accounting for the differences between children, and that both parties should be heard, before any one presumes to form a judgment of either. He represented Amintor and Florella as two sweet children, who would never quarrel with any one without some cause; and it was clear from his son's own confession, that he was the first offender, by threatening to take the book away from the poor little shepherd and shepherdess. Lady Simpson did not altogether like this mode of reasoning, and therefore left the room in a kind of pet.

Master Simpson and his papa being now left alone, Mr. Simpson took the opportunity thus to address him. "My dear boy, you are sensible that I am a

great expence in keeping tutor in your house to instruct you in all the branches of education, and yet you are the misfortune to find, that the poor Amintor and Florella, who you seem to despise on account of their poverty, are far richer in their natural and mental refinements than you. Learning is not to be bought for money alone, but by great study, labour, application, and youth is the season in which it must be acquired. The knowledge which is lost for ever, and an old ignorance succeeds it. In what manner must you appear in the eyes of the world when, after all the expence I have laid out, at two poor children, who have no other tutor than nature, expect to be as much in learning, as you do in the empty parade of riches? But by me, my dear child, in future you must turn to your books, and then you will be the pretty Amintor and Florella